

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Sun rises to-morrow at 7:25; sun sets at 4:37. High water 1:09 a. m. and 1:10 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this season generally fair, slightly warmer Saturday morning; southerly winds.

WHAT CAUSED IT.—It having been stated at the last meeting of the City Council that assessment of property during the past twenty years had been considerably decreased, Major George Duffley, Commissioner of the Revenue, in a note to this office, explains how this change has been brought about. The value of property in the 1st and 2d wards, the major says, has materially deteriorated since 1874, while that in the 4th shows an increase in value. He states that for all this the city's assessment is \$78,000 in excess of that of the State. In proof of his assertion he mentions the fact that certain property on the river front which was at one time assessed \$10,000 sold recently for one-half that amount, and that the Braddock House, which had been assessed at \$10,000, brought only \$18,000 when sold about a year ago. Besides, the Commissioner says, there is property in various parts of the city exempted from taxation, the aggregate value of which is \$122,650, viz: 1st ward, \$12,650; 2d ward, \$4,000; 3d ward, \$18,000; and 4th ward, \$7,100.

PERSONAL.—The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Appeal says: Mr. Nicol, of Prince William county, who was some twelve years ago a terror to the readjusters in the House, is already drifting back into the position of leadership he formerly occupied in that body. He is one of the clearest thinkers and most astute debaters in the House. In fact, he is one of the best all-around men who ever sat in that body. Some of the members talk of making him circuit judge in the event that Judge Keith is promoted to the court of appeals.

Mr. G. K. Pickett, of Fairfax county, who is the city to-day. He says his eldest daughter is still seriously ill with diphtheria, but that his two sons are recovering from that disease. Mr. Pickett is the recipient of a large number of letters of condolence from his host of friends in this section who sympathize with him in the recent sad loss of one of his daughters.

Miss Minnie O'Meara is confined to her home on South Royal street with the grip.

POLICE COURT.—Mayor Strauss presiding.—The following cases were disposed of this morning:

George Brown, colored, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50. Philip Sanders, colored, charged with stealing coal from the Virginia Midland Railway depot, was fined \$5.

Jos. Churchill, colored, charged with fighting, was fined \$2.50.

A white man who had been picked up drunk on the street, was fined \$2.50.

Thomas Jefferson, charged with stealing \$5 from Michael Laupheimer, was dismissed for the want of evidence.

Two colored men arrested for fighting at a ball last night, were fined \$5 and \$2.50 respectively.

Four troops who had been arrested as suspicious characters, were escorted out of the city.

Night Report.—Last night was cloudy and raining. About a dozen lodgers several prisoners were at the station house.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of Alexandria Council, No. 605, National Union, held last night at Good Templars' Hall, south Fairfax street, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Jno. H. Rafferty, president; Edgar F. Thompson, vice-president; George F. Pulman, speaker; James Shackelford, ex-president; Wm. West, secretary; John H. Bartlett, financial secretary; James McCuen, jr., treasurer; Thomas Morgan, chaplain; Cary S. Mills, usher; W. P. Henshaw, sergeant-at-arms; S. P. Jackson, doorkeeper; J. T. Rafferty, M. E. Norris and J. H. Byrne, trustees. This council which has been recently organized in this city is growing rapidly and is regarded as the most effective mode of life insurance at a small cost.

FOUND THE FRONT DOOR OPEN.—Two police officers while patrolling their beat in the extreme western portion of the city about 12 o'clock last night, discovered the padlock off the door of a store and looking in saw a dim light and two men inside. The officers drew their pistols, opened the door and called to those within. Receiving no answer, they blew their whistles and prepared to enter and secure what they believed to be burglars. At this juncture the men in the store (who turned out to be the proprietors) put out the light, walked to the door and made themselves known, very much surprised, however, at the officers for making the alarm.

CASE DISMISSED.—A Chinaman, whose American name is Thomas Jefferson, entered the store of Michael Laupheimer yesterday for the purpose of looking at some stoves. Not finding one to suit him he went out. The proprietor's wife had a five-dollar bill in her pocketbook when the Chinaman entered, and having occasion to examine her money discovered that the note was gone. She suspected her customer of having by some means "prestovoted" the bill from her pocket. The case was taken to the station house and searched critically. Sixty-odd dollars were found on his person, but no five-dollar bill. Mayor Strauss this morning discharged the accused for want of evidence.

WILL BE PUT TO WORK.—The authorities are often at a loss at this season of the year to determine what to do with tramps and city vagrants who are arrested for misdemeanors for the reason that there is nothing for them to do which would be a benefit to the city. Council, however, at its last meeting passed an ordinance which empowers the Mayor and Justices of the Peace before whom such delinquents shall be brought in future to put them to work on the streets or at any other occupation by which they can be made useful.

CONCERT.—The concert given last night at the Opera House under the auspices of Cecilia Guild of Christ Church, was fairly well attended and heartily enjoyed by all present. The inclemency of the weather prevented many from attending and all such missed a real musical treat. The selections

by the Washington Philharmonic Quartet were heartily enjoyed as were also those of the male quartette. The singing of Master Robert Lee Cox was also excellent.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.—The unused Washington and Arlington Electric Railway is now undergoing the same experience which befell the Alexandria and Washington Railway twenty years ago. Both the District and the Virginia courts have taken jurisdiction of the claims of creditors of the road, and each appointed a receiver. Mr. Archibald Greenless, of the firm of Agnew & Co., holds both receiverships. The road will probably be sold early next spring for the benefit of bondholders and other creditors. It is certain that the road will not be put in operation during the present winter, but it is understood now that as soon as the time for constructing the line from the river to the Washington depot is extended the Washington and Arlington Company will be sold out, and work renewed and the cars started again by a new railway corporation.

HAD THE TABLES TURNED.—A colored individual named George Brown, somewhat under the influence of liquor, entered a saloon in the western section of the city last night and begged the proprietor for a drink. It was given to him, but he soon wanted another and upon being refused stretched himself on a table and went to sleep. Some time having elapsed, the host desired to get rid of the unwelcome guest and endeavored to awake him. The darkey was in the apoplectic condition which usually follows a debauch and snored on until some water was poured on his face, when he was aroused. He concluded he had a case against the landlord for assault and staggered to the station house and swore out a warrant. The Mayor this morning after hearing the evidence in the case dismissed the warrant and fined Brown \$2.50 for drunkenness.

SUPPLIES TO THE POOR.—The committee on poor of the City Council, Mr. T. J. Faunon, chairman, last night held a meeting in reference to the furnishing of supplies to the poor of the city during the winter and passed an order directing Mr. Wm. Shock, overseer of the outdoor poor, to issue all orders for groceries, until further notice, to the following parties: First ward, F. M. Adams; Second ward, G. E. Price; Third ward, Jas. Patterson; Fourth ward, P. Pulman & Co. The overseer was also further directed to specify the quantity of each article he desires the applicant to have in the order given and to issue no order, in which the cost of the articles therein named shall exceed in the aggregate the sum of one dollar.

ANOTHER COAL THIEF CAUGHT.—Special Officer Trump during the "summa hours" of last night came upon a negro, who gave his name as Philip Sanders, in the act of stealing coal from the tender of a locomotive in the Virginia Midland depot. The negro had an iron instrument resembling a chisel with him. It was about three feet long and could have been wielded with terrible effect. He was fined \$5.

"AMONG THE BREAKERS."—Those who wish to spend a pleasant evening can do so by visiting the Opera House next Tuesday night and witnessing the presentation of this piece by members of Golden Light Lodge of Good Templars. The play consists of two acts and will last about 2 hours. See advertisement in another column.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Fairfax County Court meets on Monday.

A dredge is at work deepening King street dock.

Senator Hunton was at the Census Office yesterday in the interest of Mr. J. C. Creighton, of this city.

The tug Harlow, recently rebuilt, today went to Washington to undergo inspection by government inspectors.

Messrs. Knight & Haslett are at work converting the first floor of the Mayor's office into an annex to the station house.

Mr. W. H. Phillips has sold to Mrs. Annie M. Peltan a house and lot on the east side of Washington street, between Wolfe and Wilkes.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Alonzo S. Mutersbough, of Fairfax county, and Elmina L. Mason, of Newport News.

Mr. Robert H. Meade, an old Mexican soldier, who draws a service pension, had the misfortune to lose all his pension papers on the street yesterday evening.

The entertainment promised by Manager Henry at his theatre this evening will doubtless attract a large audience, as it is understood some scientific sparring will be witnessed.

A six-year-old child of Mr. Henry Pulman had its hair burned from its head and was otherwise badly burned by a match being applied to her hair by a playmate a day or two since.

Mrs. Susan Wible, mother of Mr. F. E. Wible, of this city, died at her home near Canal Dover, O., last night. Mr. Wible and his son, Mr. Al. Wible, left here this morning to attend the funeral.

James Moody, a young cab driver living in Alexandria county, had his right leg broken yesterday morning in Washington. A trunk which was on the seat with Moody slipped off, throwing him to the ground, where a passing carriage ran over his leg.

Captain Fiebigler has recommended that \$51,070 be added to the District estimates to cover the cost of repairing and converting the carriage-way of the Aqueduct bridge. Its piers will be strengthened and made strong enough not only for heavy wagons, but to bear a railway train.

Objection was made yesterday before the District commissioners by J. O. Wilson, representing the Columbia University, to the proposed erection of a theatre by John W. Albright, of Baltimore, on the north side of H street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, Washington.

Mr. J. Dreifus on Wednesday night found a number of hens, tied together, in the alley back of his residence in the upper part of the city. They had evidently been stolen and left there by the thief, who was probably scared off. Mr. Dreifus sent the chickens to the station house, where they are now awaiting their owner.

QUEEN STELLA, THE SPANISH GYPSY.

can be consulted on Health, Business, etc., at Cox's Hotel, corner King and Fayette streets, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Look for the Gilt Star. dec15 3t

## OFFICIAL.

AN ORDINANCE, requiring the Washington Southern Railway Company, The Virginia Midland Railway Company, or the Corporations, receivers, trustees or persons operating the said Railways, within the Corporation limits of the city of Alexandria, to place flagmen, and to provide, erect and maintain at certain railroad crossings within the city limits.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Alexandria as follows:

Section 1. That the Washington Southern Railway Company, or the corporations, receivers, trustees or persons now operating or hereafter operating, its line of railway in, over, through or upon any of the streets of this city, or within the corporate limits, shall be and are hereby required on or before the first day of July, 1894, to provide and erect, and thereafter to maintain vertical arm gates on both sides of the track at the following street crossings of said railways within the city limits, viz:

At the intersections of Duke street with Fayette street, of Prince street with Fayette street, of King street with Fayette street, and of Oronoco street with Fayette street.

Section 2. That the Virginia Midland Railway Company, or the corporations, receivers, trustees or persons now operating, or hereafter operating its line of railway in, over, through or upon any of the streets of this city, or within the corporate limits, shall, on or before the first day of July, 1894, provide and erect, and thereafter to maintain vertical arm gates on both sides of the track at the following street crossings of said railway within the city limits, viz:

At the intersections of Washington and Wilkes streets, and Alfred and Wilkes streets.

Section 3. That on and after December 1st, 1893, and until the gates herebefore provided for shall be provided, erected and put in operation, as aforesaid, the said railway company, or the corporations, receivers, trustees, or persons now operating, or hereafter operating, said line of railway within the city limits shall provide a man to be designated as street flagman, for each of the railway crossings herebefore mentioned, as well as the crossings at the intersections of Duke street with Henry street, Prince street with Henry street, King street with Henry street, and Cameron street with Henry street, whose duty it shall be, when trains are approaching said crossings between the hours of 7 o'clock a. m. and 9 o'clock p. m., to stand on or near the railway tracks, and in the middle of the street at the crossing, and to signal the approach of all trains to any such crossing, in the daytime by an unfurled white flag, and in the night time by a white light or lantern, the said flagman to be provided and the said flagman to be paid by the said railway company or the corporations, receivers, trustees or persons now operating, or hereafter operating the said line of railway.

Section 4. That when the gates herebefore provided for shall be erected as herebefore required, the said railway company, or the corporations, receivers, trustees or persons then or thereafter operating the said line of railway shall, when trains are approaching such crossings between the hours of 7 o'clock a. m. and 9 o'clock p. m., station a man at each of said crossings, whose duty it shall be to lower the gate or gates at the crossing on the approach of any engine, car or train to any such crossing, and immediately after such engine, car or train shall have passed any such crossing to forthwith open any such gate or gates, and no gate or gates at any such crossing, shall be kept closed to the obstruction of public travel, and no person shall be allowed to pass any such crossing to allow the passage of any engine, car or train approaching the same. All gates herebefore required to be erected and operated shall, in the night time, be provided with a white light or lantern, to be attached to the vertical arm of any such gate in such position or manner as to give warning or signal that it is closed or open as the case may be.

Section 5. That after said gates are erected and put in operation, said Washington Southern Railway Company, shall continue to station flagmen at the intersections of Duke street with Henry street, Prince street with Henry street, King street with Henry street, and Cameron street with Henry street as provided in section 2 of this ordinance, but not at the crossings where there are gates and gatemen.

Section 6. Permission is hereby granted said companies to erect and main such watch-boxes in such places or position as the Committee on Streets may designate at the said crossings, as may be necessary for the protection of such flagmen or gatemen.

And said committee shall also designate the location at the street-crossings where the gates provided for in section 2 of this ordinance shall be placed.

Section 7. That if the said railway company, or the corporations, receivers, trustees or persons now operating or hereafter operating the said line of railway, shall fail to comply with the terms and requirements of this ordinance, the same shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, for each and every day such failure to comply herewith shall continue, the said fine or fines to be imposed and recovered as other fines and penalties under the ordinances of the City Council.

Section 8. That any flagman or gateman provided or employed by virtue of the requirements of this ordinance, who shall omit or fail to perform any duty required of him by the provisions of this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, for each and every failure or omission to perform his duties aforesaid, the said fine or fines to be imposed and recovered as other fines and penalties under the ordinances of the City Council.

Section 9. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 10. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Passed Common Council December 12, 1893.

HUBERT SNOWDEN, President.

Passed Board of Aldermen December 12, 1893.

W. H. MARBY, President.

Approved December 13, 1893.

HENRY STRAUSS, Mayor.

Teste: Jno. T. JOHNSON, Clerk.

## MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The holiday season has fairly set in which causes an impetus to business in most trades and puts more money in circulation. The prices of grain, however, continue low and the farmers are despondent. There are no features to note in financial matters here. In New York yesterday money on call was easy, ranging from 1 to 1½, last loan at 1, and closing offered at 1. Prime mercantile paper 3½ to 4½ per cent. In Baltimore money continued easy, with a moderate demand for usual purposes of trade. Rates for call loans were quoted at 5 per cent, and the bank discount rate was 6 per cent. Virginia bonds are active but other local shares are quiet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The stock market was weakened soon after the opening this morning. At 11 a. m. the market was extremely dull and about steady in tone.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—Virginia consols — do 10-40s — do 3s 70a72½.

## Wholesale Prices in Alexandria.

Flour, fine	\$1.75	2.00
Superfine	2.00	2.20
Extra	2.40	2.70
Family	3.10	3.40
Fancy brands	3.60	4.00
Wheat, longberry	0.60	0.62
Fultz	0.60	0.62
Mixed	0.60	0.63
Fair	0.58	0.60
Damp and tough	0.56	0.59
Corn, white, old	0.46	0.48
Yellow, old	0.45	0.46
Mixed	0.44	0.45
New	0.43	0.45
Corn Meal	0.48	0.50
Rye	0.45	0.48
Oats, mixed	0.35	0.38
White	0.36	0.39
Butter, packed	0.20	0.23
Choice Virginia roll	0.22	0.25
Common to middling	0.12	0.15
Eggs	0.24	0.25
Western, hind quarters	0.5	0.6

Fore quarters	0.3	0.4
Live (Chickens) (hens)	0.7	0.9
Turkeys, live per lb.	0.10	0.11
Dressed, drawn	0.9	0.10
Dressed Chickens, per lb.	0.8	0.9
Veal Calves	0.4	0.6
Lamb, spring	0.4	0.5
Hogs, small	0.6	0.7
Large	1.50	2.00
Rabbits, per dozen	0.50	0.75
Irish Potatoes	1.50	2.00
Sweet Potatoes per barrel	6.80	8.85
Onions, per bushel	2.00	3.00
Apples per barrel	0.7	0.8
Unpeeled	0.3	0.4
Dried Cherries	0.8	0.9
Dried Apples	0.5	0.6
Bacon, country hams	0.12	0.13
Best sugar-cured hams	0.12	0.13
Butter, cream	0.12	0.13
Breakfast Bacon	0.12	0.13
Sugar-cured shoulders	0.8	0.9
Bulk shoulders	0.8	0.9
Long clear sides	0.9	0.9
Fat backs	0.8	0.9
Bellies	0.8	0.9
Smoked shoulders	0.8	0.9
Smoked sides	0.10	0.10
Lard	0.7	0.9
Smoked Beef	0.12	0.12
Sugars—Brown	0.4	0.4
Conf. standard A	0.4	0.5
Granulated	0.4	0.4
Coffees—Rio	0.18	0.21
LaGuayra	0.18	0.20
Java	0.26	0.28
Molasses B. S.	0.12	0.14
New Orleans	0.17	0.22
Porto Rico	0.20	0.40
Sugar Syrup	0.15	0.25
Herring, Eastern, per bbl.	4.00	6.50
Put do	3.00	3.50
Potomac family rice	4.00	4.50
Do, half barrel	1.50	2.00
Potomac Shad	8.00	10.00
Macarel, small, per bbl.	12.50	13.50
No. 3 medium	15.00	15.50
No. 3 large fat	16.00	18.00
No. 2	18.00	20.00
Plaster, ground, per ton	4.75	5.00
Ground in bags	5.50	6.50
Lump	3.50	3.75
Clover Seed	6.00	6.50
Timothy	1.75	2.00
Old process Linseed Meal	31.00	32.00
Salt—G. A.	0.55	0.75
Fine	0.95	1.50
Turk's Island	1.25	1.30
Wool—long, unwashed	0.27	0.29
Washed	0.16	0.17
Merino, unwashed	0.28	0.30
Do, washed	0.75	0.85
Sumac	12.50	14.00
Hay	17.00	18.00
Wheat Bran per ton	17.00	17.25
Brown Middlings	17.00	17.25
White Middlings	18.00	18.75
Cottonseed Meal	24.00	25.00
Cotton Seed Mixed Feed	12.00	13.00

The wholesale markets though quiet are firm. Flour is moving slowly at current prices. Wheat eased up on the reported increase of the already very large visible supply, but we note a fair demand for choice milling samples; sales 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63. Corn is stronger at 46 to 48 for old white, 44 to 46 for new; much of the new is arriving in poor condition. Rye 45 to 49. Oats 34 to 37 on cars. Butter, Eggs, Pork, all kinds of Produce and Provisions sell readily. Cotton Seed Meal, Millfeed, Hay and Straw are without change.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat quiet and steady. No. 2 red spot and Dec 65½a65½; Jan 65½a66; May 70½a71½; steamer No. 2 red 61½; bid; milling wheat by sample 65a66; Corn dull and steady; mixed spot 43½a44½; new or old Dec 42½a42½; Jan 42½a42½; Feb 42½; asked; May 44½; bid; steamer mixed 42½; white and yellow corn by sample 40a43½; Oats quiet and firm; No. 2 white Western 35a35½; No. 2 mixed do 34 asked. Rye inactive; No. 2 52. Hay steady; good to choice timothy \$11.50 to \$15.50. Coffee firm; Rio, cargoes—fair 10½; No. 7 15½. Other articles unchanged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Flour dull and weak. Wheat moderately active and firm. Corn dull and firm. Potatoes moderate demand and active; mess \$15.00 to \$15.50. Lard quiet and steady; steam \$8 50 asked.

RICHMOND MARKET, Dec. 15.—The market is quiet and inactive, the offerings being but fair and sales light. Prices remain about the same as those of last week. We quote: Flour \$2 00a4 25 for fine to patent family brands; Wheat 60a65; Corn 42a44; Rye 50a55; Oats 33a37.

FREDERICKSBURG MARKET, Dec. 15.—There is but little doing in the grain market which is dull and heavy. Corn being lower. We quote: Flour \$2 00a4 25 for fine to patent flour; Wheat 60a65; Corn 42a44; Rye 50a55; Oats 33a37.

SUGAR AND COFFEE MARKET, Dec. 14.—Refined Sugars—The quotations are as follows: Standard powdered 4½; cubes 4½; cut loaf 5½-5½; granulated 4½; fine granulated 4½; Confectioners' A 4½; Diamond A 4½; Columbia A 4½-5 cents per lb. The market was fairly active but steady.

COFFEE.—The market closed firm, with a gain of ¼ to ½ in the week, with the quotations as follows: 18½¢ per pound for No. 7 grade of Rio. Mild coffees were very firmly held.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 14.—Prices of Beef Cattle this week ranged as follows:

Best..... 4.60 a 4.75

Generally rated first quality... 4.37 a 4½

Medium or good fair quality... 3 a 3.50

Ordinary..... 2 a 2½

And Cows..... 2 a 2½

Of the Cattle received 1360 came from Virginia.

Beef Cattle.—The market this week has been fair. The number is somewhat head-and-tail of last week. The quality averages better than the offerings of last week, some very superior Christmas cattle from Virginia being among them, sold to one of home butchers on private terms, but understood to be a considerable advance over our highest quotation.

Milk Cows.—The market is very dull, but few are selling at our top figure. Quotations at \$25a50 per head.

Veal Calves.—There is exceedingly dull and values 75c to \$1 lower. Quotations at 4a5½¢ per lb.

Sheep and Lambs.—The sheep market has been very dull, and prices throughout are fully ½¢ lower than those ruling the latter part of last week. The quality generally is fair. The receipts are only 50 head less than last week's numbers. Sheep sold at 2a3½¢ per lb. gross. Lambs are quoted at 3a4½¢ per lb. gross.

Swine.—Hogs are easier, prices ranging a full ½¢ lower than last week. Choice hogs and hogs as well as the heavy ones range along at the same figures. Quotations are as follows: \$25a55.75 per 100 lbs gross, and a few extra at the latter price; roughs 4a4.50 per 100 lbs gross.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 14.—Beef—No trading; feeding steady. Calves—market steady for grassers; veals weak and steady; veals 5a5½¢ per lb. grassers 2a2½¢ per lb. Sheep and Lambs—market slow and barely steady for sheep and lambs; sheep sold at \$2.50a3.50 per cwt. for poor to good; lambs 4a6.50 per cwt. for common to choice. Hogs—market weak at \$5.50a6 per 100 lbs.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 14.—